

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS
NOTICE OF HIGHWAY PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

4:00-6:00 PM MST; Thurs., June 7, 2012

Information Open House Public Meeting

Gering Civic Center, 1050 M St., Gering, NE

Heartland Expressway Corridor Development and Management Plan

TCSP-71-2(112); C.N. 51436

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will hold a public information open house regarding preliminary findings of the Corridor Development and Management Plan study process for the Heartland Expressway located within Nebraska. The meeting will be held in the Gering Civic Center, Thurs., June 7, 2012, 4:00-6:00 P.M. MST.

The Heartland Expressway is located between Limon, Colorado and Rapid City, South Dakota and connects to I-25 in Wyoming. The Heartland Expressway is the middle section of the larger Great Plains International Trade Corridor that extends from Mexico to Canada. Approximately 200 miles of the Heartland Expressway's 498 miles is located within Nebraska's borders.

The purpose of the ongoing study is to produce a coordinated long-term program for potential future improvements to the Heartland Expressway corridor in Nebraska. The plan is intended to help identify possible funding options for the potential improvements. This plan will include:

- A coordinated corridor development plan and schedule, including a timetable for planning and development activities, environmental reviews and permits and construction of all segments;
- The results of an environmental overview;
- An analysis of corridor costs and benefits;
- A finance plan, including potential financing methods;
- The identification of impediments to the development and construction of the corridor,

including potential environmental, social, political and economic objections.

This meeting is a follow-up to a previous NDOR Information Open House Public Meeting held on October 13, 2011. The previous meeting introduced the study to the public and clarified upcoming activities and processes associated with the Plan.

This public meeting is being held to provide information, share preliminary findings, including possible long term improvement priorities, and receive public input on the analyses and preliminary findings. All citizens are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions.

NDOR will make every reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility for all persons. Appropriate provisions for the hearing and visually challenged or persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) will be made if the Department is notified by May 29, 2012. Notification should be submitted to: Greg Weinert, Public Hearings Officer, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; greg.weinert@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402) 479-4871, TDD telephone (402) 479-3834, Fax (402) 479-3989.

Information regarding this study will be available on the NDOR website at <http://www.roads.ne.gov/projects/heartland-exp/>.

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